

City of Evansdale Newsletter

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Garbage and Recycling

Help us "Go Green"

The City of Evansdale's new innovative waste program will be beginning within 3-6 months. We need you to help the city "RECYCLE!" We will continue to pickup regular waste on scheduled days, but we are adding a curbside X-tra convenient recycling program to start the week of September 13th, 2010.

Curbside recycling includes stream line recycling with no separation of plastic, cardboard, newspapers, etc....."Just throw it all in"...accepted items are as follows:

- Tin & Aluminum Containers
- #1 through #7 Plastics (soda bottles, milk & detergent jugs)
- Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Office & Shredded Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard & Chipboard
- Clear Glass Only

Please rinse out all containers.

Items that are NOT accepted

- No Styrofoam
- No Batteries

Your recycling will be picked up the "Same Day" as your garbage. Please keep your recycling and garbage separate and on the opposite sides of your driveway. Please identify your recycling container with a magic marker indicating recycling as we will place a recycling sticker on it in the near future.

Acceptable recycling containers will include plastic totes and up to 33 gallon waste cans.

The City of Evansdale will provide one (1) 65 gallon garbage cart at No Charge. **If you would like a 65 gallon garbage cart for your curbside recycling the city is offering, for a limited time only, special pricing at \$39.95 each assembled & delivered to your home.** (This type of can may be required when garbage goes to full automation)

Please stop in at the City Hall to reserve yours today. We will be taking orders through October 1, 2010. City of Evansdale 123 N. Evans Road, if you have any questions, please call us at 319-232-6683. ■



Help Keep "Our" Streets Clean!

We see lots of folks mowing grass into the street as well as sediments washing out of driveways. Aim your mower discharge away from the street.

Did you know?

Grass and leaves clog the sewers, decompose and release the same chemicals found in manure. Sand, dirt, and gravel clog the system ultimately cloud over lakes and streams, and cause siltation which can kill vegetation and ruin aquatic habitats.

All materials entering the storm sewers other than clean water are prohibited and against our City ordinance.

We will be enforcing our ordinance! In addition to requiring violators to stop their polluting use of the storm water system, they will be required to abate when applicable and may be subject to fines.

Please report violators at Evansdale City Hall during business hours at 232-6683 or at any time to the dispatch center at 291-2515. ■

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

GRASS CLIPPINGS, GARDEN WASTE, FLOWERS, LEAVES, BRANCHES AND CUT-UP WOOD FROM DOWNED TREES ALL MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT THE EVANSDALE YARD WASTE CENTER.

THE CENTER IS OPEN TO EVANSDALE, ELK RUN HEIGHTS AND RAYMOND RESIDENTS ONLY.

IT IS LOCATED ON THE RIVER SIDE OF THE DIKE IN DEERWOOD PARK INSIDE THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FENCE.

RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO REMOVE CLIPPINGS AND LEAVES FROM BAGS AND TAKE THE BAGS WITH YOU AS THIS MATERIAL IS COMPOSTED.

THE CENTER DOES NOT ACCEPT STUMPS OR BRANCHES LARGER THAN 6" IN DIAMETER.

YARD WASTE CENTER HOURS

APRIL 1ST - OCTOBER 31ST

MONDAY 7AM-7PM

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-4PM

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAYS 10AM-7PM

NOVEMBER 1ST - MARCH 31ST

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-4PM

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAYS 10AM-4PM ■



FROM THE DESK OF PHIL STOCKS, WASTE WATER OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Dear Resident;

The City of Evansdale, as required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will be conducting home inspections to determine if there are improper or illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system.

Prior to doing the mandated inspections the city is offering an amnesty period. During this time the city will inspect and recommend ways for homeowners to gain compliance without infractions to the home owner.

Some examples of illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system are floor drains, sump pumps, roof drains, and exterior yard, walkway and driveway drains connected to the sewer system, which are discharging clear water (such as rainwater and groundwater) into the sewer system. A floor drain or sump pump, which is not connected to the sanitary sewer system and is discharging to the homeowner's property, is not an illegal connection. Floor drains that are part of a basement shower, or washing machine outlet shall be legal provided that they are constructed and maintained in a fashion that prevents the inflow of ground water or extraneous storm water into these fixtures.

These regulations were enacted to control or prevent inflow and infiltration that allows, or has the potential to allow non-sewage flows into the collection system. When the sewer system has flow beyond its designed capacities of 100 gallons per resident per day, this can cause backups into basements of you or your neighbors' homes. Illegal connections also cause the need for the city to perform bypass pumping of the sewage directly to the rivers and streams without treatment causing unnecessary and potential public health risks.

Failure on the part of the city to comply with State and Federal law could cost the city tens of thousands of dollars in fines and penalties. Failure to comply voluntarily during this amnesty period could result in fines of up to one thousand dollars per day to a homeowner with an illegal connection. If you would like to schedule an inspection before the mandated inspections are imposed by the IDNR or if you have any questions please feel free to contact City Hall at 319-232-6683.

Sincerely,

Phillip Stocks
Sewer Plant Operations Supervisor

AVOIDING SANITARY SEWER OVERLOADS

Most citizens seldom stop to think about sewers until a problem arises. Believe it or not, nearly 90 miles of sanitary sewer extend underground beneath the city. Typically, this system of sewers transports wastewater from homes and businesses to the Waste Water Treatment Plant 24 hours each day, every day.

During times of wet, rainy weather, a unique problem sometimes presents itself. "Illegal water" is discharged into sewers that may be operating at near or full capacity, causing nasty consequences like sewage back-ups.

Current City Code does not allow groundwater collected by footing or drain tiles at building foundations to be deposited into the City's system of sanitary sewers. This "illegal" problem regularly presents itself in Evansdale. You may be contributing to your own or your neighbor's sanitary sewer back-up problems from such illegal connections.

Often, the water collected by tiles collects at a low point, and is then discharged via a sump pump. Sanitary sewers were not designed to accommodate the volume of water generated by subsoil drainage systems. An expensive overload can occur.

It is legal, advisable and desirable for this water to be discharged into side or rear yards, into drainage ditches, or into City storm sewers with approved connections to street drainage systems which is a separate system.

Think about the home or business where you live and work. If there are drainage tiles surrounding the structure, do you know where the ground water is deposited? If it is going to the City's sanitary sewer system, you must redirect the water. Your voluntary correction of such a problem is a major benefit to all of us. Questions can be directed to a plumbing contractor or to the City's Inspection Services Division at 232-6683.

Reproduction of this article from the City of Cedar Falls Currents!

Did you know?

Sanitary Sewer Systems are generally designed for a family of four contributing to the system 100 gallons per day per person = 400 gallons.

One (1) sump pump (40gpm) connected to our sanitary sewer system (routing pump to a drain in your basement) = 400 gallons in ten minutes – that is 2,400 gallons per hour!

Four (4) sump pumps pumping in your neighborhood in a twenty four hour period is equivalent to 230,400 gallons in one day compared to the acceptable design of 400 gallons per house. The average of 100 houses per designed neighborhood (40,000 gallons per neighborhood in 24 hours) ■

BUILDING INSPECTION

Rick Reuter, City Building Inspector

Office Hours are from 5:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Permit information, pricing and applications are also available on our Web site at evansdale.govoffice.com

ANIMAL CONTROL

Rick Reuter, Animal Control Officer



Dogs and cats in Evansdale are required to be licensed every year. The license fees are \$3.00 per neutered animal and \$10.00 for unaltered pets. Licenses may be obtained in the business office at City Hall Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30 pm.

A current rabies vaccination certificate from a veterinarian is required before the license can be issued.

Licenses protect your pets in two ways. First, we have a record of your pets' rabies vaccination, an important protection for your pet. Second, if your pet is ever loose and retrieved by our Animal Control officer or another resident, the license tag allows us to return the pet without putting you to the expense of the animal shelter or the risk of your pet being destroyed. ■

EVANSDALE WATERWORKS NEWS

The Water Works Board of Trustees have been working on an on-going project which would, if successful, allow us to provide the best quality of water to all of our customers. We are exploring sites for a new well, which would give us the option to discontinue using Well #1, which usually accounts for smelly water complaints in the summer-time. We will keep you posted on the back of your utility bill as updates become available. As always, please let us know anytime you have problems with water quality!

The Water Works is in the process of updating telephone numbers for all of our customers. It's important to have a valid phone number on file in case we need to contact you for emergency bulletins such as water main breaks in your area, boil water notices, etc. Please call the office (319-233-5524) after normal hours and leave a message with your name, address, and all current numbers, including cell phones. If you no longer have a land line, let us know which number to drop.



WATERWORKS (CONTINUED)

Did you know you can pay your utility bill online using your bank or credit union's bill pay service? Just contact your institution to find out how to get started. Be sure to use your current Water Works' account number (it changed last year when we converted to a new software system). Then you can pay us when it is convenient for you! ■



LIBRARY

The Evansdale Public Library has been happy to serve the community since 1968 and is continually changing to meet the public's needs. We have more than 13,000 titles, 3200 active cardholders and had a total circulation of 12,861 items in-house during the Fiscal Year 2010. We have five computers with Internet access and word processing, two computers kid dedicated with just games and we provide wireless Internet access for your convenience!

Within the past couple of years, we have offered several online databases that are underused and we'd definitely like to see more use. The databases offered can be seen at the library's website: <http://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us> and clicking on the DATABASES tab. We also offer digital audiobooks online through the NEIBORS program and a link to those can be found on the library's homepage as well.

Do you do in-home daycare? The library assistant, Anne Johnson, does a traveling program to daycares in the local area. She does a short story time with a theme related kit each month and then leaves the kit with the daycare until the following month when things are swapped out. If you are interested in this service, contact Anne at 232-5367.

The library hosts a cribbage night on Mondays from 4:00-6:30 PM. If you play cribbage stop in and show us what you've got! If you're interested in learning more about the game, you're welcome too!

Because of our size we rely heavily on inter-library loan service, but know that if it's available in the state of Iowa, we can get it for you and as always, we'd like to be the library YOU want to use. Let us know what you want or need and we will do our best to provide it to you. You can contact us by phone (232-5367), email (epilib@mchsi.com), on Facebook ([epilib](https://www.facebook.com/epilib)) or in person. ■ Shannon Jensen; Director

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Evansdale Fire Department is accepting applications on a continual basis. Whether you join to give something back to your community, curiosity in the fire and EMS field or as a stepping stone to a full-time job in the fire or EMS fields, we will do our very best to insure your time with our department is well worth your efforts.

In addition to the rewards of helping your neighbor, as a "paid-on-call" service, you also receive a nominal fee for attending meetings, training and calls. All training and equipment is paid for by the department. We hope you consider joining us for a challenging and exciting way to serve your community.

If you live in Evansdale, Elk Run Heights or the Maywood addition of Waterloo and are interested in joining the department, you may pick up an application at the Community Response Center at 911 Evans Road or visit our website at www.evansdalefire.com. ■

CITY OF EVANSDALE CITY HALL

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FAX: 319-232-1586***

***OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
7:30AM-4:30PM***

***WE ARE ON THE WEB!
EVANSDALE.GOVOFFICE.COM***

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

***CHAD DEUTSCH
KENNY LOFTUS
CARL WYANT
RICK HIBBEN
DICK DEWATER
GENE WALKER***

***CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST & THIRD
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL***

